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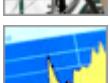
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MESSAGE FROM THE NSW ACTING REGIONAL DIRECTOR – Geoff Smith



Welcome to the December edition of Statistics News NSW.

A major highlight for this edition is the 2007 update of *Regional Statistics NSW*(cat. no. 1368.1), which is expected to be released 18 December. This popular publication presents data spreadsheets for all Local Government Areas (LGAs) and other selected regions in NSW on a broad range of topics: Population, Family and Community, Health, Education, Work, Economic Resources, Crime and Justice, Transport and Economic Activity. Another recently released publication **Statistical Trends, NSW, 2007** (cat. no. 1338.1.55.001) provides a brief data analysis on a broad range of economic, social and environmental issues.

I would also like to draw your attention to the following new resources:

- **Migrant Data Matrices** (cat. no. 3415.0) a useful new resource for searching and accessing ABS migrant and ethnicity data
- **Planning for Business, 2007** (cat. no. 1391.0.55.001) explains how statistics can assist you in making informed business decisions
- **Children and Youth Statistical Portal** contains a variety of data related to children and youth from a range of national and state agencies.

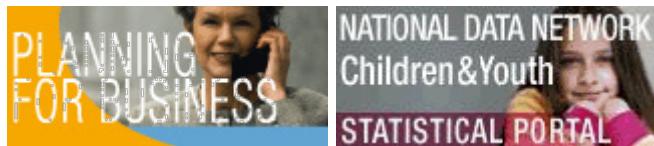
ABS NSW would like to thank all individuals and agencies for their involvement in relevant ABS programs, consultations and activities throughout the year. Currently, we are seeking your comments on:

- **New Service Industry Surveys** on Nursing homes, Aged care, Child care, Residential and Non-residential care

- **NatStats Conference** which is planned for November 2008.

The NSW ABS Office continues to offer free online information sessions on **2006 Census** data and tools for business, government, academic, and community agencies. For more information and bookings please contact Amanda Biltoft on (02) 9268 4642.

NSW Statistics News provides an overview of significant statistical releases in NSW. We offer a range of services to better inform your decision making. Contact us here at ABS NSW.



NSW Regional Statistics, 2007

NSW REGIONAL STATISTICS, 2007



The second issue of *NSW Regional Statistics, 2007* (cat. no. 1368.1) is due for release 18 December 2007. The publication's entire content will be available on the ABS Website via spreadsheets.

NSW Regional Statistics presents data for all Local Government Areas (LGAs) and other selected regions in NSW, and is updated annually from both ABS and non-ABS sources. This product also includes detailed Explanatory Notes and geographic area comparisons.

Statistics are presented in the following chapters:

- Population
- Family and Community
- Health
- Education
- Work
- Economic Resources
- Crime and Justice
- Transport
- Economic Activity.

For further information about *NSW Regional Statistics* and all other ABS releases, contact the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070 or email client.services@abs.gov.au.

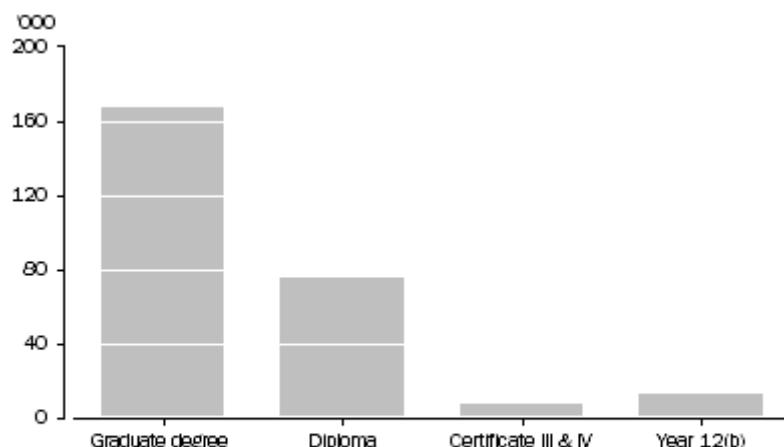
Statistical Trends, NSW, 2007



STATISTICAL TRENDS, NSW, 2007

Statistical Trends, NSW, 2007 (cat. no. 1338.1.55.001) provides a brief topical analysis across a broad range of economic, social and environmental domains, presented in graphs, tables and analytical summaries of key measures. Some highlights from the publication include – more people in NSW are gaining tertiary degrees and more highly skilled jobs, while younger people up to 34 years of age are moving to other States:

Growth in Employed Persons, By occupation skill level(a) – 2000 to 2006

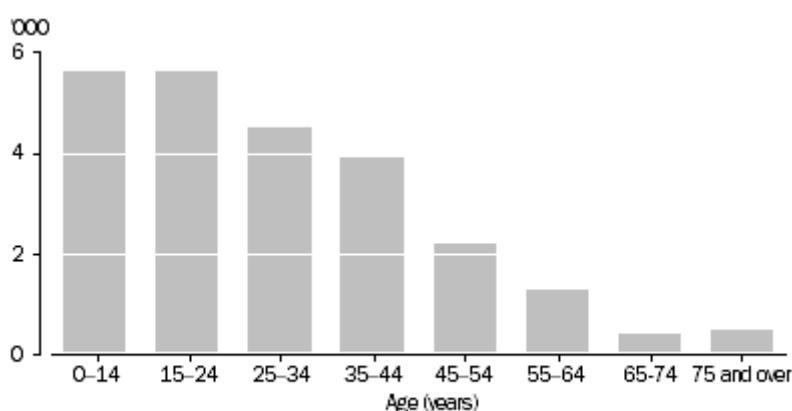


(a) Based on the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations. Skill levels are determined by formal qualifications and/or equivalent experience.

(b) Refers to Year 12 or certificate II and below.

Source: Labour Force Australia, Detailed, Quarterly May 2007 (ABS cat. no. 6291.0.55.003).

Net Interstate Migration Loss, By age – 2005–06



Source: ABS data available on request, *Estimated Resident Population Collection*.

For further information about this publication contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070 or Allan McLean on (02) 9268 4795, or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au.

NSW Demography Update



NSW DEMOGRAPHY UPDATE

Latest Snapshot of NSW

The latest population figures for NSW are available in **Australian Demographic Statistics, March 2007** (cat. no. 3101.0). This edition also includes the release of the latest Experimental Estimates for Australia's Indigenous population, and contains two feature articles:

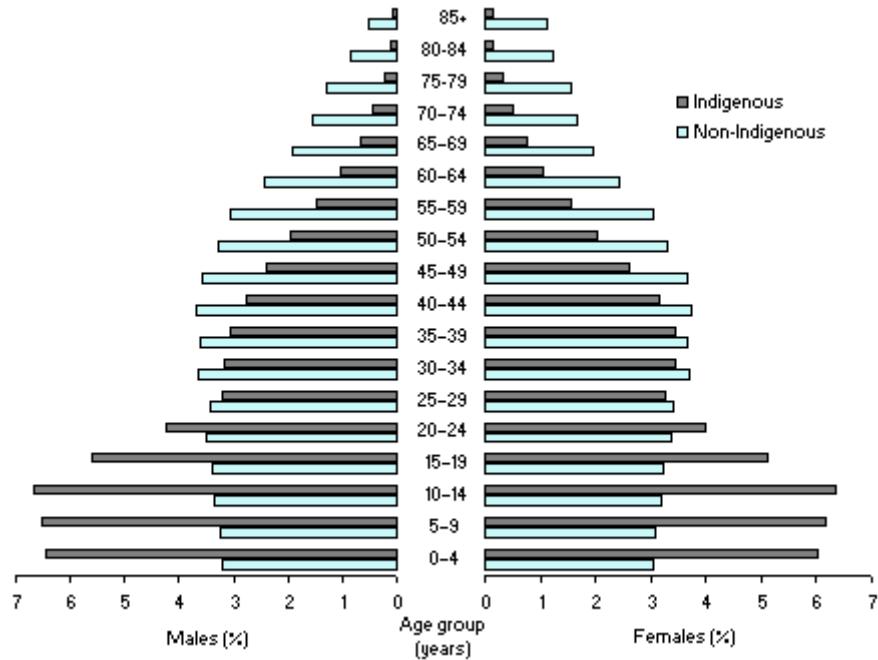
- *Preliminary rebasing and the component revision cycles of Australia's population estimates*
- *Indigenous Estimated Resident Population – Method of calculation.*

Information on the Estimated Resident Population of NSW and other states/territories at 30 June 2007 is available in the latest edition of **Australian Demographic Statistics, June 2007** (cat. no. 3101.0).

Experimental Estimate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People – NSW

At June 2006, 148,200 Indigenous people were resident in NSW, the largest Indigenous population of any state or territory in Australia. Indigenous people made up 2.2% of the state's population and had a much younger age distribution than the non-Indigenous population.

Age and Sex Distribution for Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Persons, NSW, 30 June 2006



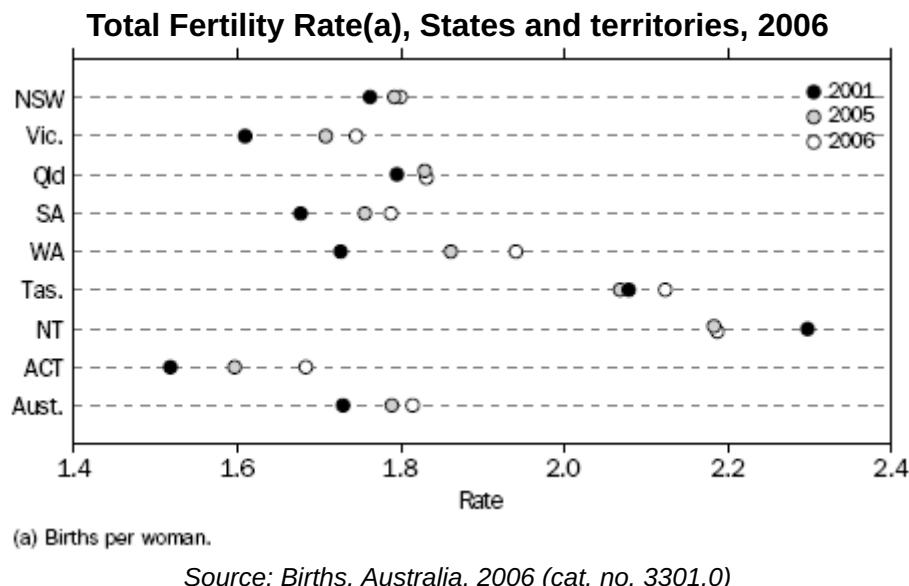
Source: Australian Demographic Statistics, March 2007 (cat. no. 3101.0)

Births – NSW

NSW recorded 87,300 births in 2006 with a Total Fertility Rate of 1.80 babies per woman. The trend for women to have babies at older ages continues. From 2005 to 2006, fertility

rates in NSW declined for women under 30 years of age and increased for women 30 years and over. In 2006 the median age for mothers was 31.0 years with the highest fertility rates among women aged 30-34 years (120.0 births per 1000 women). In comparison, the median age for mothers in 1996 was 29.3 years with the highest fertility rates among women aged 25-29 years (118.1 births per 1000 women).

For further information see **Births, Australia 2006** (cat. no. 3301.0).



Deaths – NSW

In recent years, death rates for states and territories have generally declined. For NSW, the 2004-06 Standardised Death Rate was 6.1 deaths per 1,000 population. The median age at death for males in NSW was 77.6 years, and 83.4 years for females.

For further information see **Deaths, Australia, 2006** (cat. no. 3302.0)

Latest Life Expectancy data now available

Over the past 20 years life expectancy has improved in NSW by 6.1 years for males and 4.6 years for females. A boy born in 2004-2006 can expect to live 78.6 years while a girl can expect to live 83.4 years.

For the latest information on life expectancy in NSW see **Life Tables, New South Wales, 2006** (cat. no. 3302.2.55.001).

For further information on ABS demographic data contact the National Information and Referrals Service on 1300 135 070 or email client.services@abs.gov.au.

Crime and Safety, NSW, 2007



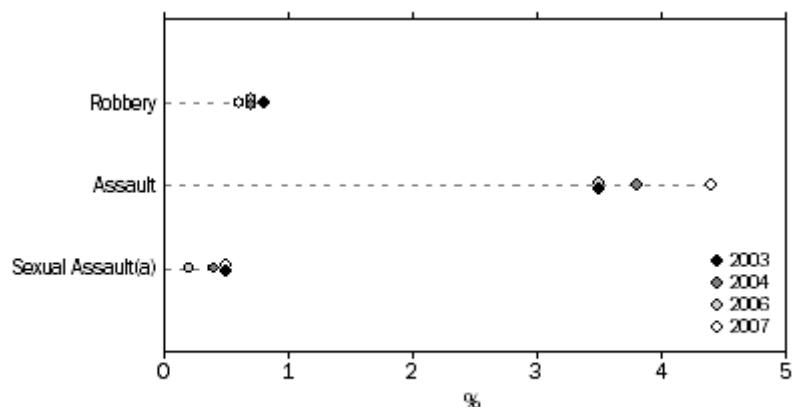
CRIME AND SAFETY NSW, 2007

Crime and Safety, NSW, 2007 (cat. no. 4509.1) provides summary data on household break-ins, attempted break-ins, motor vehicle thefts, personal robberies and assaults and sexual assaults, for the 12 months prior to the survey. It also contains information as to whether the last incident was reported to the police, and details of people's perceptions of crime problems in their neighbourhood.

Main findings include:

- More people in New South Wales were assaulted in the twelve months to April 2007 than in the previous year, the victimisation rate for assault in 2007 was 4.4%, up from 3.5% in 2006.
- Victimization rates for robbery (0.6%) and sexual assault (0.5%) remain unchanged from the previous year.
- The rate of crimes against households – break and enter, attempted break and enter, and motor vehicle theft - also remained steady between 2006 and 2007, at around 6.5% of NSW households.
- Reporting rates (offences reported to the police) for most offences have not changed except for attempted break and enter, up from 22% to 34%.

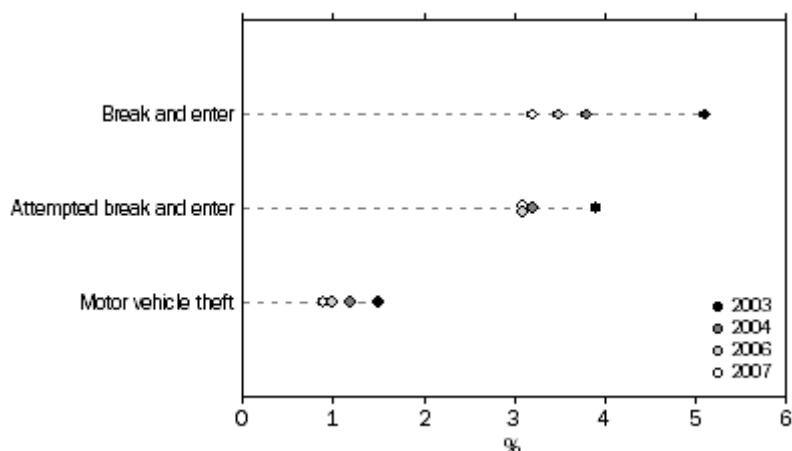
Victimisation Rates for Personal Crime — 2003 to 2007



(a) Sexual assault questions were only asked of females aged 18 years and over.

Source: *Crime and Safety, NSW, 2007* (cat. no. 4509.1)

Victimisation Rates for Household Crime — 2003 to 2007



Source: *Crime and Safety, NSW, 2007* (cat. no. 4509.1)

For further information about these and related statistics, contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070 or Michael Clarke (02) 9268 4166, or email client.services@abs.gov.au.

Patterns of Innovation in Australian Business, 2005

PATTERNS OF INNOVATION IN AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSES, 2005



Patterns of Innovation in Australian Businesses, 2005 (cat. no. 8163.0) provides an overview of the main patterns of innovation and characteristics of innovating businesses using data from the 2003 and 2005 ABS Innovation Surveys. The proportion of Australian businesses that undertook one or more of the three types of innovation (new goods or services, new operational process and new organisational processes) increased from around 30% of businesses in the 2002 to 2003 calendar years to around 34% of businesses in the 2004 to 2005 calendar years. In the financial year 2004-05, the Mining and Property and business services industries reported the largest proportion of turnover attributed to goods or services innovation among all the industries (about 11% and 10% respectively). Electricity, gas and water services, Construction, Retail trade and Communication industries reported the lowest (about 4% each) in this period.

Out of a total of 49,600 estimated businesses in New South Wales, around 31% were innovators, and out of about 1,910 large businesses, about 60% were innovative.

Distribution of Innovating Businesses by Employment Size by State/Territory(a) – 2004 to 2005(b)

State/Territory	Small businesses		Medium businesses		Large businesses	
	Total businesses	Proportion of businesses	Total businesses	Proportion of businesses	Total businesses	Proportion of businesses
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
NSW	38 210	27	9 480	^42	1 910	^60
Vic	25 550	29	8 410	^50	1 800	^43
Qld	18 980	29	6 630	^44	750	^63
SA	6 050	^36	2 700	^50	360	^43
WA	9 690	^30	3 750	^56	560	^36
Tas	1 980	^25	610	*44	90	^48
NT	1 050	^27	240	*53	30	^57
ACT	1 910	^24	450	*38	70	^77
Total	103 420	28	32 270	47	5 570	52

[^] estimate has a relative standard error of 10% to less than 25% and should be used with caution

^{*} estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

(a) Total number of businesses is rounded to the nearest 10

(b) Calendar years

Source: Patterns of Innovation in Australian Businesses, 2005 (cat. no. 8163.0)

For further information contact Damian O'Rourke on (02) 6252 6895 or email client.services@abs.gov.au.

2006 Census



Promoting the Census Through Libraries

The ABS is working together with libraries in NSW to promote awareness, understanding and use of 2006 Census data in the community. The ABS NSW Census Library Partner Program commenced in February 2007 when all public, TAFE, and university libraries in NSW were invited to become involved. Some 107 libraries indicated interest in becoming Census Library partners, and were sent promotion packs and contacted about 2006 Census data release activities.

These libraries promoted the 2006 Census results in their communities from July 2007 onwards through displays, community events, training, links to 2006 Census data on the ABS website from their own websites, articles in their newsletters, and through stories via their local media agencies.

Library partners also hosted free Census seminars run by the ABS in regional areas, including Newcastle, Wollongong, Lismore, Dubbo, and Wagga Wagga. They were attended by people from local councils, NSW State Government agencies, local businesses, and other organisations.

Our thanks to Newcastle Regional Library, Wollongong City Library, Macquarie Regional Library's Dubbo Branch Library, Southern Cross University Library, and Riverina Regional Library for helping us with the venues and publicity for the sessions in their areas.

For further information on ABS NSW Library Programs contact Anne Freer on (02) 9268 4569, or email client.services@abs.





Free Information and Training

Many policy makers, researchers and marketers are not aware of the amazing amount of data that you can get for free from the ABS **2006 Census of Population and Housing**.

We are offering free online information sessions in the use of our powerful Census data and tools. Please contact us if you would like to find out more about the type of Census data available and how you can use it to increase understanding about your clients, customers, or stakeholders, including geographic areas of interest.

For more information about free 2006 Census training please contact Amanda Biltoft, National Account Manager ABS on (02) 9268 4642 or email client.services@abs.gov.au.

Conditions apply

Information sessions covering existing online data are available only in NSW for groups of 5 and over, for a minimum duration of 30 minutes and maximum of 2 hours.



Migrant Data Matrices



MIGRANT DATA MATRICES

The new **Migrant Data Matrices** (cat. no. 3415.0) provide a useful way to find and access ABS data on migrants and ethnicity. This web-based product has links to spreadsheets containing data on migrants sourced from a range of ABS surveys. There's a broad selection of demographic, geographic and socioeconomic data cross-tabulated (where available) by country of birth, language (including proficiency), year of arrival, citizenship, religious affiliation, ancestry, and visa category.

Data can be easily located under nine broad topics: Crime and Justice, Culture and Leisure, Education and Training, Family and Community, Health, Housing, Labour (Employment), Personal and Household Finances, and Population Characteristics. The *Migrant Data Matrices* also include links to detailed information from the source publications, a glossary

with definitions of migrant related data items as well as the **Guide to Migrant Statistical Sources** (cat. no. 3414.0).

The *Migrant Data Matrices* will be updated regularly with new matrices as data become available. For other new products from the National Migrant Statistics Unit please see the **ABS Migrant and Ethnicity Theme Page** or the half yearly electronic newsletter **Migrant Statistics News**.

If you need assistance finding migrant and ethnicity statistical information contact the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070 or email client.services@abs.gov.au.

New Service Industry Surveys

NEW SERVICE INDUSTRY SURVEYS



The ABS is planning to conduct surveys on Nursing homes, Aged care, Child care, Residential care, and Non-residential care in the 2008-09 financial year. The Goods and Services National Statistics Centre (G & S-NSC) will commence consultation with relevant stakeholders in late 2007 and continue until about mid 2008.

The aim of stakeholder consultation is to develop a common understanding between the ABS and key clients, about the purpose of each survey and the survey requirements, including the content, accuracy, scope significant issues that could impact on the survey development, implementation or output.

The G & S-NSC will soon commence contacting organisations that made relevant submissions to the 2005 Service Industry Survey Forward Work Program review, to identify stakeholders for consultations in the broad development phase.

If you did not make a submission to the review but would still like to be included in the development of any of these surveys, or for further information, contact Melanie Taylor, Director, G & S-NSC on (02) 6252 7495 or email service.industries.program@abs.gov.au.

NatStats Conference 2008

NATSTATS CONFERENCE 2008



The ABS will be hosting the NatStats Conference in November 2008. The Conference aims to help connect users and producers of statistics from across government, public sector and academia, providing an opportunity to discuss strategies for measuring progress in Australian society and improving statistics for the nation.

Broadly the conference theme is: "Working together for a better informed and performed Australian Society"

Professionals, researchers, policy makers, practitioners and academics will be invited to speak on topics relevant to the conference theme. The conference program will consist of keynote and invited speakers – significant contributors to national statistics, valued and recognised in their particular field of work, and able to provide insight into measuring the progress of Australian society and the future development of national statistics.

Preliminary planning is underway and the themes and topics for the conference are being considered. We are interested in hearing your suggestions on topics for the conference program or perhaps you have an interesting or innovative case study which you would like to share with the statistical community. If you would like to share your ideas with us please email Mark Lound at inquiries@nss.gov.au or phone (02) 6252 6325.

Details of the conference will be included in future editions of Statistics News NSW and posted on the National Statistical Service (NSS) website www.nss.gov.au.

ACT in Focus, 2007



ACT IN FOCUS, 2007

Australian Capital Territory in Focus, 2007 (cat. no. 1307.8) is a valuable reference document, containing a wide range of information on the history, physical environment, government, demography and social and economic characteristics of the ACT and surrounding region.

The statistics contained in the publication were sourced from ABS collections as well as a wide range of data from other agencies.

Some highlights include:

- The estimated resident population of the ACT at June 2006 was 334,200 people. For the Australian Capital Region (ACR) it was 552,600 people, with 69% (381,400) living in the Canberra-Queanbeyan Statistical District.
- More than half (55%) of the population growth in the ACT over the five years to June 2006 occurred in the suburban fringe district of Gungahlin-Hall (up 8,200).
- The average 2006-07 labour force participation rate for the ACR was 69.1% (original terms) and for the ACT was 73.6%. The unemployment rate in 2006-07 was 3.3% for the ACR and 3.0% for the ACT.
- Full-time employees in the ACT have higher average weekly ordinary time earnings than those in other states and territories (\$1,288 in trend terms in May 2007, compared with \$1,088 nationally).
- Drought conditions worsened in 2006 with below average rainfall for most months of the year, 2006 was the hottest, and fifth driest year on record for the ACT. It was also a sunnier than usual year, with an average of 8.5 hours of sunshine per day, compared

with a long-term average of 7.6 hours. At February 2007, dams servicing Canberra and Queanbeyan were at 35% of capacity, almost half the volume of a year earlier.

- During the December quarter 2006, Canberra had the highest quarterly median weekly rent for 3 bedroom houses of any capital city (\$330) and the second highest median rent for 2 bedroom dwellings (\$300).

For further information go to the ABS website www.abs.gov.au or contact the National Information and Referrals Service on 1300 135 070 or email client.services@abs.gov.au.

NSW Statistical Training



Developing statistical skills for better decision making

The ABS provides a range of statistical training courses to advance your skills in undertaking high quality statistics, statistical analysis, and using statistics to inform decision making. The training courses develop practical skills through presentations, interactive discussions and participant involvement in individual and group exercises.

Not sure whether the training is right for you?

Each ABS course provides an introduction to a wide range of issues confronting users and producers of statistics. The courses are suited to people who have limited practical or theoretical experiences, and want to develop a working knowledge of using statistics and data.

The courses are designed to increase your confidence in using statistical data, and to gain a better understanding of the issues involved in choosing and using statistics. All courses provide you with the opportunity to discuss issues in a supportive learning environment, and provide well paced learning through practical, informative and relevant training modules.

Courses offered in 2008

13 February	Introduction to Labour Force Statistics
26 March	Making Quality Informed Decisions
16–17 April	Turning Data Into Information
23–24 July	Basic Survey Design
27–28 August	Analysing Survey Data Made Simple
24–25 September	Principles of Questionnaire Design
16–17 October	Turning Data Into Information

For further information on these courses please visit ABS Statistical Training or contact the NSW Training Coordinator on (02) 9268 4415, or email client.services@abs.gov.au.



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ABS NSW CONTACTS

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Telephone: 1300 135 070

PLEASE NOTE: The library is available by appointment only and NSW ABS no longer has a bookshop. Library appointments and publication purchases can be made by calling the number above. The full ABS publication collection is also available at the NSW State Library.

ABS NSW Library Extension Program

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Sandra Fairbairn (02) 9268 4415 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au.

Outposted ABS NSW Officers: Available to assist NSW Government agencies with statistical projects, for further information contact Allan McLean (02) 9268 4795 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au.

Census Liaison Officer: If you would like information on products and services from the 2006 Census, contact Jill Tomlinson (02) 9268 4123.

Statistics News NSW Newsletter: If you would like to be placed on our free newsletter email list, or make suggestions about content or usability of this newsletter, contact Nita Kambouris (02) 9268 4609 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au.



Selected Releases



SELECTED RELEASES

ABS publications are available to download free from the **ABS Website**. To enquire about release dates, contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

Selected releases October to December 2007

ABS Catalogue No.

1001.0	Australian Bureau of Statistics – Annual Report
1368.1	New South Wales Regional Statistics
3101.0	Australian Demographic Statistics
3201.0	Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories
4228.0	Adult Literacy and Life Skills Survey, Summary Results, Australia, (New South Wales Data Cube)*
4232.0	Information Paper: Measuring Learning in Australia: Concepts and Directions in Early Childhood Learning*
4509.1	Crime and Safety, New South Wales
4602.0	Environmental Issues: People's Views and Practices
4613.0	Australia's Environment: Issues and Trends
4620.0	Natural Resource Management on Australian Farms
6554.0	Household Wealth and Wealth Distribution, Australia
8146.0.55.001	Patterns of Internet Access in Australia*

Selected releases January to March 2008

ABS Catalogue No.

1301.0	Year Book Australia
1380.0.55.004	Perspectives on Regional Australia: Wealth Throughout Australia*
2030.1	Sydney... A Social Atlas
2039.0	Information Paper: Census of Population and Housing – Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas, Australia
2069.0.30.006	Census of Population and Housing: Working Population Profile Datapack
4105.0.55.001	Information Paper: Data Gaps in Early Childhood: Identifying and Bringing Together Available Information*
4153.0	How Australians Use Their Time
4234.0.55.001	Information Paper: Measuring Learning in Australia: A Profile of Participation and Outcomes*
4618.0	Water Use on Australian Farms
4647.0.55.001	Research Paper: An Alternative Industry View of Energy Supply in Australia*
4713.1.55.001	Population Characteristics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, New South Wales
4719.0	Overweight and Obesity in Adults, Australia
8167.0	Selected Characteristics of Australian Business*

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Statistics News NSW provides readers with new and relevant information about survey developments, user consultation, reviews, training, information sessions, major changes to the statistical program, State data releases and significant ABS data releases.

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